

REMARKS

Claims 1-2 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-2 have been rejected.

Claims 1-2 have been canceled, without prejudice.

New Claims 3-18 have been added, as set forth herein.

I. REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claim 2 was were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the applicant regards as the invention. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicant has canceled Claim 2, without prejudice.

Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the § 112 rejection of Claim

2.

II. REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-2 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Winkler (US 5,417,208). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicant has canceled Claims 1-2, without prejudice.

Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner withdraw the § 102(b) rejection of Claims 1-2.

III. NEW CLAIMS 3-18

New Claims 3-18 were added.

Winkler (US 5,417,208) fails to disclose a lead, as claimed by the Applicant, with the lead having an insulator including a first region formed by removal of at least a portion of the insulator (the first region exposing at least a portion of the at least one conductor), a second region formed by removal of at least a portion of the insulator (the second region exposing at least a portion of the at least one conductor) and an electrode electrically connected to a conductor through the first region and electrically connected to the conductor through the second region.

IV. CONCLUSION

As a result of the foregoing, the Applicant asserts that the remaining Claims in the Application are in condition for allowance, and respectfully requests an early allowance of such Claims.

If any issues arise, or if the Examiner has any suggestions for expediting allowance of this Application, the Applicant respectfully invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below or at *rmccutcheon@davismunck.com*.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees connected with this communication or credit any overpayment to Davis Munck Deposit Account No. 50-0208.

Respectfully submitted,

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